

ELIZABETHTOWN READY.

The War Spirit Has Permeated the Mountains and the Seaboard
Need Have No Fear.

To the Editor of the Optic.

ELIZABETHTOWN, March 16.—This town is quite excited over the war news. We learned from some passengers that came in on the stage last evening, that United States had declared war against Spain. As soon as the people learned the fact lots of flags were hoisted and some nailed to the posts of the different houses. Although we are miles away from the scene of action, and as high up as most of us will ever be, the same patriotic spirits exist here as on the coast, where all is excitement. I for one had concluded that there would be no war; but it seems that I did not guess right, as it has been in lots of other cases.

I presume by this time the white squadron is under way, bombarding the Havana forts. How I would like to have been in Key West when the signal was hoisted on the flagship to get under way. At such a time all is excitement, worse than a camp meeting in full blast. I would enjoy such a scene away from all danger.

This district was the scene of a little skirmish last Sunday. War had been declared between two prospectors, hence the skirmish. One prospector, under the muzzle of a gun, made another prospector take down a stake he had set up, locating a claim that the other prospector had intended to stake, but had not. The one handling the gun got a blow in on the other's head, drawing the first blood. Now, the prospector receiving the scalp wound, being a law abiding citizen, he did not take the law in his own hands, as he was prevented, but rushed into town and then and there did make complaint to the presiding judge, stating he had been assaulted with a deadly weapon and that he had been ordered to not be seen under penalty of death. The judge being a man of nerve issued a warrant for the arrest of the prospector who was running things his way. He was brought before the night court of Elizabethtown and after the pros and cons had been heard the judge concluded that the accused should be bound over to appear before the next grand jurors, under bonds of \$500, and that he should give a bond of \$250 to keep the peace. Two other actions are in statu quo.

Last evening's stage brought in a number of passengers, all interested in the Argue Placer company. They will start up the works as soon as the weather permits. We have had a three-days' blow. The wind has been trying to see what it could do. For three days the White Swan has been under easy sail, only carrying her spanker and fore stay sail. The country is still covered with snow. Tomorrow, being the 17th of Ireland, the people will celebrate by giving an entertainment for the benefit of the fire company, about to be organized. Home talent; a dance after the performance. Henry Pritchard, the merchant prince of this place, will dedicate his new hall on the 1st of April, by giving a dance and entertainment, he being a magician of no mean talent. He will show the people how different articles can be made to appear and disappear, how easy it is to take the money out of another's pocket, etc., etc. This hall is 30x60 with a stage. So you see that we, us and the people are strictly in the swim. Nuff Sed. S. E. B.

California permits girls over fifteen to wed without parental consent. In the District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, South Carolina, and South Dakota, girls over sixteen may marry without parents' consent. Kentucky does not permit her daughters to choose for themselves regardless of parents' wishes until they are twenty-one.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

SANTA FE.

T. P. McSigsbee, a tourist from Cleveland, O., is at the Claire.

Herbert Claker, of Minneapolis, is stopping at the Exchange.

Chas. F. Springer, of Denver, is registered at the Palace hotel.

Paul J. Wielandy, a St. Louis knight of the grip, is at the Palace hotel.

J. S. and M. J. Werser, San Francisco jewelry men, are at the Exchange.

C. Lydon, D. & R. G., superintendent, registered at the Palace hotel.

Chas. H. Willard, a Denver traveling man, is registered at the Palace hotel.

A. M. Blackwell, the Las Vegas wholesale merchant, is stopping at the Palace hotel.

Mrs. Wm. Langdon and family are registered at the Exchange, en route to Antonio.

Judge H. L. Warren, of Albuquerque, is in the city on legal business and registers at the Claire.

C. S. Lerner and wife, of Antonio, Colo., who have been touring in California, are at the Palace hotel en route home.

James H. Paine, wife and daughter, Cleveland, Ohio, are touring in the southwest. They are registered at the Exchange.

Captain C. L. Cooper, Indian agent, is in Isleta investigating the smallpox condition among the Indians. From Isleta he will go to Laguna for the same purpose.

Governor Prince has just returned from Albuquerque, where he has been on business connected with the historical celebration, which will be held July 13, at San Gabriel.

Mrs. J. J. Sheridan, who resides near Mr. Money's on the reservation, gave a delightful whist party. Sixteen guests were present. Refreshments were served late in the evening.

Carl, the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Ruoff, died after an illness of two weeks. The funeral was held at the family home, and the remains were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

The continuation of Galisteo street is now a settled fact and will be inaugurated as soon as minor differences between the property owners can be settled. Special action of the board of aldermen will be necessary to complete arrangements and Mayor Spiess will attend to the public work in this connection today.

Horse Meat For Europe.

The American Horse Meat company has obtained a license from Kearney, N. J., authorities and soon will begin to slaughter horses. After curing the flesh the meat will be exported to Europe where there is a demand for it.

The Kearney Board of Health granted the license with but one dissenting vote. Dr. J. V. Laddey, a United States Meat Inspector, will have charge of the slaughter-house. Dr. Laddey explained to the Board that there is no prejudice in Europe against the consumption of horse meat, and said the entire product of the slaughter-house would be sent abroad. He submitted the form of a certificate which, he said, would accompany every package of meat. This will certify that the flesh has been duly inspected both before and after killing. A notary's attestation will be attached to each certificate.

The Kearney authorities insisted upon the filing of a bond for \$1,000 to guarantee that there would be no nuisance maintained at the slaughter-house. This bond was furnished.—New York Herald.

Recent measurements of the great Chinese wall shows it to be 18 feet high and 1,300 miles long.

A School Girl's Nerves.

This record is of especial value to parents. It's a message from a loving mother dedicated to the mothers of growing girls. A truthful narrative of the utmost interest and import.

It is important that the nerves are carefully guarded. Mothers who have young daughters of school age should watch their health more carefully than their studies. The proper development of their bodies is of first importance.

After the confinement of the school room, plenty of out-door exercise should be taken. It is better that children never learn their a, b, c's, than that by overstudy they lose their health.

All this is self-evident. Everyone admits it—everyone knows it, but everyone does not know how to build the health up when once broken down, even the best physicians failing at times.

The following method of Mrs. Stephen Barnes, whose post office address is Burney, Ind., if rightly applied, may save your daughter.

When her daughter Lucy was at that critical girlhood age of twelve years she grew weak and nervous.

"Previously she had been a bright, healthy young girl," says Mrs. Barnes. "She was diligent and progressive in her studies."

"It became necessary, however, for her to leave school."

"She was overtaxed mentally and physically. Her nerves were at such a tension that the least noise irritated her."

"She had continual twitching in the arms and lower limbs and symptoms of St. Vitus' dance."

"Her blood was out of order she was thin and pale, almost lifeless. In three

months she lost twenty-three pounds. "We did everything possible for her, and she had the best of medical treatment. "Several skilled physicians attended her, but no benefit was apparent."

"A family friend visiting us, told how her daughter had been similarly affected, but cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"She urged us to try the pills, and we finally consented."

"We have always rejoiced that we did. "The pills helped Lucy at once, and after taking eight boxes she was entirely cured."

"She is now in perfect health, strong, weighs ten pounds more than ever before, and her cheeks are full of color."

"Two years of schooling were missed on account of ill health, but now she can gratify her ambition to study and become an educated woman."

The reason that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were helpful in the above case, is that they are composed of vegetable remedies which act directly on the impure blood, the foundation of disease.

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Thirty-four years ago, a picturesque scene was enacted in the Danish capital. A deputation of Greeks stood before the old King of Denmark and asked that they might offer the crown of their country to his great nephew, Prince George. For an answer the old man turned the youth, bade him take a seat at his side and saluted him as his brother sovereign.

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The Admiralty of Great Britain ask for \$12,000,000 this year. The estimates provide for additions to the reserves, and for an addition to the personnel of the navy of 6,000 men. Also three new battleships, four armored cruisers and four sloops of war are asked for. With these, Great Britain will have under construction this year, twelve battleships, thirty-two cruisers, forty-one destroyers and ten sloops or gunboats. When it comes to ships, says the Salt Lake Tribune, Great Britain is a tough customer to catch up with, much less to throw down. As at the battle of the Nile, she is there all the while.

Among the enterprises planned for 1898 by the Pittsburg Dispatch is one which contemplates sending the well known correspondent, Frank G. Carpenter, on a 25,000-mile tour of South America, with a view to the proper description before American readers of this great continent which destiny obviously intends to be in time the chief foreign market of American exports. The Dispatch has been since the beginning a first-class newspaper, but in this feat it will surpass itself.

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